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There is a petition for
Keith A Washington, for

ADDRESS BILLING SYSTEM App. # 10/632,323

The facts are as follows; On Jan, 24 2002, a provisional application was filed at the patent office for, THE ADDRESS CREDIT CARD. On Sep, 17 2002 a patent application was filed for THE ADDRESS CREDIT CARD. On Aug, 4th 2003, a divisional application was filed, for the same invention and a payment of \$375.00 was paid to the patent office, in the proper time frame to get a continuation on the application.

The patent office mailed my postcard with the date of 08/04/03. The established filing date on this invention is still 01/24/02. When the divisional application was received by the patent office, the patent office knows the invention is in its final year for patent pending. Instead of contacting me, and telling me that the application is incomplete. The patent office sits on the application for over a year. This is what has caused this problem. I could have, over knighted a drawing if necessary.

I called the inventors assistance center, and I was told if an application is missing a drawing that person will not get a filing date. A letter informing the applicant will go out no later than 6 weeks of receipt of the application. I asked the person if it is possible the patent office could take a full year, to notify an applicant of this problem, he laughed and said "NO".

The patent office has my telephone number, and my fax#. If the drawing is so important why wasn't I contacted sooner?. Anybody can see, No drawing is needed to patent this invention. Why would I loose a filing date that has already been granted, and is almost three years old. Why am I at fault, for the year that just passed?.

I am also requesting a full refund of this petition.